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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MB Docket No. 14-139, RM-11732; DA 14-1273]

Television Broadcasting Services; Mount Vernon, Illinois

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission has before it a petition for rulemaking filed by WPXS, Inc.

("WPXS"), the licensee of station WPXS(TV), channel 21, Mount Vernon, Illinois, requesting the substitution of channel 11 for channel 21 at Mount Vernon. While the Commission instituted a freeze on the acceptance of full power television rulemaking petitions requesting channel substitutions in May 2011, it recently adopted rules to implement the broadcast television spectrum incentive auction authorized by the Spectrum Act which facilitates the voluntary return of television spectrum usage rights and reorganizes the broadcast television bands. The Commission will be able to recover a portion of ultra-high frequency ("UHF") spectrum for new, flexible-use licenses suitable for mobile broadband services. By relinquishing channel 21, a UHF channel, the proposed channel substitution will assist the Commission in the repacking process by freeing up a UHF channel, which serves the public interest.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**, and reply comments on or before **[INSERT DATE 45 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street,

S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve counsel for petitioner as follows: John R. Feore, Esq., Cooley LLP, 1299 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20004-2400.

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Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

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For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, see 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Television

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION.

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Proposed rules

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission proposes to amend 47 CFR part 73 as follows:

PART 73 -- RADIO BROADCAST SERVICES

1. The authority citation for Part 73 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334, 336, and 339.

§ 73.622 [Amended]

2. Section 73.622(i), the Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments under Illinois is amended by adding channel 11 and removing channel 21 at Mount Vernon.

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